

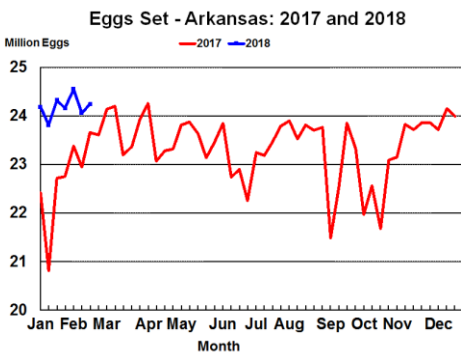
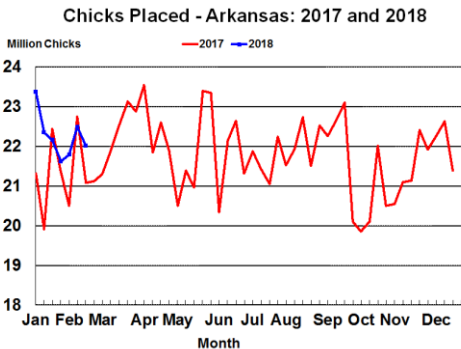


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**Arkansas Chick Placements Up 4 Percent from Last Year**

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.0 million during the week ending February 17, 2018. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2017 but down 2 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 17, 2018, up 2 percent from the same period last year and up 1 percent from the previous week.



**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - 19 Major States by Week: January 20, 2018 - February 17, 2018**

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	28,659	28,981	29,583	29,955	29,486	22,552	21,947	22,071	20,989	21,652
Arkansas	24,317	24,157	24,549	24,054	24,243	22,157	21,617	21,783	22,485	22,005
Delaware	5,305	5,331	5,269	5,303	5,253	5,153	4,373	5,785	4,741	5,460
Florida	1,225	1,221	1,006	1,161	1,224	1,310	1,199	1,257	1,247	1,136
Georgia	34,962	35,149	35,272	35,226	34,835	26,947	28,093	27,823	27,813	27,619
Kentucky	8,010	7,871	7,879	7,645	7,939	5,391	5,262	6,441	6,334	5,796
Louisiana	3,637	3,591	3,591	3,591	3,606	3,118	3,101	3,101	3,073	2,840
Maryland	7,306	7,899	8,253	7,763	8,223	6,062	5,905	5,335	6,205	5,660
Mississippi	18,106	18,225	18,213	18,518	18,250	15,470	14,733	15,223	15,016	14,874
Missouri	7,932	8,033	7,851	8,025	7,930	5,960	6,483	5,469	5,658	5,280
N. Carolina	21,883	21,714	22,426	21,282	22,708	17,333	17,831	17,144	17,255	17,250
Oklahoma	7,765	7,652	7,638	7,873	7,849	3,761	3,749	3,976	3,671	3,929
Pennsylvania	5,509	5,056	4,900	5,368	5,284	4,133	4,158	4,085	4,174	3,964
S. Carolina	5,685	5,670	5,813	5,761	5,667	4,702	4,852	4,712	4,300	5,131
Texas	16,070	16,323	16,446	16,553	16,020	12,220	12,699	12,836	12,859	13,616
Virginia	6,433	6,328	6,342	6,546	6,629	6,183	6,557	5,645	5,595	5,253
CA,TN & WV	11,664	11,959	12,675	12,430	12,339	11,701	10,909	9,771	10,080	10,892
Other States	9,056	9,348	9,203	9,052	9,403	7,485	7,170	7,108	6,820	7,315
U.S. Total	223,524	224,508	226,909	226,106	226,888	181,638	180,638	179,565	178,315	179,672
% of Prev. Year	102	102	103	102	102	101	101	101	100	100

**Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 227 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 17, 2018, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier

**Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 17, 2018, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through February 17, 2018 for the United States were 1.27 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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